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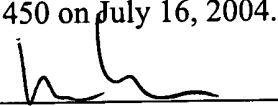
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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Serial No: 09/621,788

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For: SURFACE-COATED HARD MATERIAL, PRODUCTION METHOD FOR  
THIS, AND USE OF THE SAME

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### RESPONSE (E) TO RESTRICTON REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to a requirement for restriction under 35 U.S.C. 121 mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 28, 2004, applicant makes the following election without traverse. A Petition for a one-month extension to reply to the Office Action is submitted herewith, accompanied by a check for payment of the associated fee. Additionally, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the attached Supplemental IDS.

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**Restriction/Election**

The above-noted application contains pending claims 1, 3, 4, 8, 10-12 and 15-18. In the Office Action, the Examiner restricts the claims as follows:

Group I. Claims 1, 3, 4, 8, 10 and 11, drawn to a coated article, classified in class 428, subclass 447.

Group II. Claims 12 and 15-18, drawn to a method of making a coated article, classified in class 427, subclass 387.

Applicant elects, without traverse, for examination the coated article defined by claims 1, 3, 4, 8, 10 and 11 of Group I. The remaining claims 12 and 15-18 have been withdrawn from consideration at this time.